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**Note:** The standard required for this badge is to handle a canoe on a grade 2 river of medium to normal fullness. It is essential that the candidate be physically strong enough to handle a submerged canoe on a flowing river.

Requirements	Passed
1. Have passed the Swimming Scoutcraft Badge or complete all the requirements for it.	
2. Pass or have passed the requirements of the Canoeing Scoutcraft Badge.	
3. Discuss the design features of canoes or kayaks (length, width, etc) and how these impacts on the boat’s performance.	
4. Demonstrate how to maintain a canoe or kayak in good condition and carry out simple repairs to it.	
5. Show a knowledge of the dangers and precautions to be taken against waterborne diseases (Bilharzia, Typhoid, Cholera), and against hypothermia and hyperthermia.	
6. Demonstrate sound safety measures when paddling on rivers, including paddling on unfamiliar routes, and approaching hazards.	
7. Demonstrate your competence to paddle a canoe or kayak on a flowing river, including: a) General knowledge of paddling on moving water. b) How to read the river. c) Launching from the bank and entering the mainstream. d) Turning around and paddling upstream. e) Ferry glide facing upstream and downstream. f) Successfully shoot a fair-sized rapid or weir. g) Approach the bank and climb out onto the bank. h) Capsize in the current and swim the canoe to a shallow or safe place, empty the water and re-board.	
8. Show a knowledge of the following obstacles and hazards to be encountered on rivers, how to avoid them, and emergency procedures: a) Eddies, holes, stopper waves, standing waves, backwaters and contra-flow currents at weirs or similar man-made constructions. b) Rocks and rapids. c) Bridges. d) Trees and low branches. e) Fences. f) Other boats and paddlers.	
9. Take part in a river expedition of at least 5km. Before starting, be aware of the weather and the potential for a river to flood due to upstream rains. Present a reasonably detailed log of the journey, noting major hazards, important or interesting features and any wildlife encountered. The log should cover a fair description of the river, with sketch maps showing the general course of the river, weirs, rapids, bridges, and important natural features passed on route.	

